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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/15/1999

To: New York

Attn: SAC

From: New York

C-31/BQMRA

Contact: SA [redacted]

Ext. 7351

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]:jw

Case ID #: 87G-NY-209009 (Closed)

Title: BURTON KAPLAN;  
Et Al;  
TOP THIEF TARGET

Synopsis: Delay in submitting FD-515.

Details: On 11/8/99, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Eastern District of New York (EDNY), contacted writer to advise, she is newly assigned to captioned case. The former AUSA assigned to the case, [redacted] has left the United States Attorney's Office and was appointed a New York State judge.

AUSA [redacted] advised captioned case was unassigned and no activity has been conducted in over a year.

AUSA Rhode advised [redacted] was indicted on 6/6/98, plead guilty and is scheduled to be sentenced 11/12/99, by United States District Judge Sterling Johnson, EDNY.

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## **Memorandum**

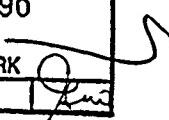


To : SAC ADIC, NEW YORK ( [redacted] ) (P) Date 3/26/96

From : SA [redacted] (BQMRA) (C-31)

Subject : [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE :

The aforementioned information collaborates what [redacted]  
[redacted] reported back on 2/2/96, that "BURT is in Vegas with  
[redacted] and some of the other guys".

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On March 25, 1996, [redacted] provided Special Agent [redacted] with the following information:

Source has learned BURT KAPLAN is in Las Vegas, Nevada  
[redacted] BURT.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Based on source's information, the LUCHESE squad and DEA  
were able to obtain a pen register [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] KAPLAN, who is a fugitive on a drug warrant issued by  
the Eastern District of New York, is living in the New York area.

On 12/27/95, [REDACTED] Since  
that time source [REDACTED] KAPLAN.

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On November 7, 1995, [redacted] Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] with the following:

~~KAPLAN.~~

Source provided [redacted]

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On October 12, 1995, [redacted] provided Special Agent [redacted] with the following:

Source advised, on or about October 10, 1995, BURT KAPLAN [redacted]  
[redacted] KAPLAN stated [redacted] who is a long time associate of KAPLAN.  
KAPLAN also told [redacted] would call back in a few days with details [redacted]

On October 12, 1995, [redacted] of KAPLAN's counterfeit CHAMPION operation observed BURT KAPLAN and his wife walking down Seventh Avenue in Manhattan [redacted].  
Source advised, this was the same area of Seventh Avenue in the garment district, [redacted] pizzeria on August 8, 1995.

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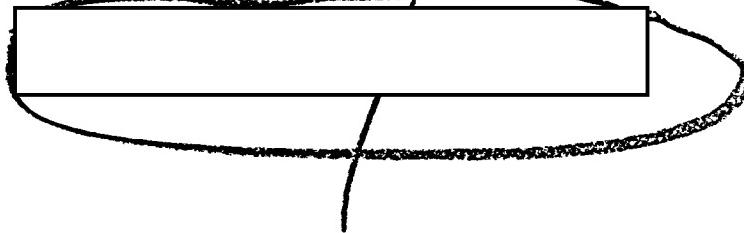
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On October 5, 1995, [redacted] provided Special Agent [redacted] with the following:

At the request of SA [redacted], C-17, source provided the following [redacted] an associate of BURT KAPLAN, who a federal arrest warrant has been recently issued from the Eastern District of New York:



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## Memorandum

To : SAC ADIC, NEW YORK ( [REDACTED] ) (P) Date 9/8/95

From : SA [REDACTED] (BQMRA) (C-31)

Subject : [REDACTED]

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<b>Dates of Contact</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER 8, 1995</b>				
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On September 8, 1995, [redacted] provided Special Agent [redacted] with the following:

Source advised, on or about [redacted] BURT  
KAPLAN [redacted]

[redacted] Source advised, [redacted]

[redacted] KAPLAN also told the associate when he comes back [redacted]

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## Memorandum

To : SAC ADIC, NEW YORK [REDACTED] (P) Date 8/30/95  
 From : SA [REDACTED] (BQMRA) (C-31)  
 Subject : [REDACTED]

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1 - [REDACTED]  
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On August 30, 1995, [redacted] provided Special Agent [redacted] with the following:

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Source advised, BURT KAPLAN [redacted]

[redacted]

Source advised, [redacted]

KAPLAN [redacted]

[redacted], he (KAPLAN) may surface in January, 1996.  
Source understood [redacted]. KAPLAN [redacted]

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[redacted] KAPLAN'S [redacted]

Source advised he did not think so. KAPLAN [redacted] if he [redacted]

While in the meeting, KAPLAN [redacted]

Lastly, KAPLAN was accompanied to the meeting by an individual [redacted]  
[redacted] Italian nationality.

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# Memorandum



To : DADIC NEW YORK (87G-NY-209009)

Date 4/6/95

From : SA [redacted] (C-31)

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Subject: BURT KAPLAN, ET AL;  
TTT;  
OO - NEW YORK

On 4/6/95 SA [redacted] contacted AUSA [redacted] EDNY, regarding captioned matter. [redacted] was advised that captioned investigation would be closed as no new investigative leads exist and the possibility of prosecution was minimal. [redacted] advised The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) would be continuing the investigation in to the marijuana allegations. [redacted] was assured captioned writer provide any information contained herein to assist [redacted] in the future if necessary.

Writer recommends placing captioned investigation in a closed status.

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BY [redacted]

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TO : DADIC, NEW YORK (87G-NY-200980) *209009*

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FROM : SA [redacted] C-31

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SUBJECT: BURT KAPLAN, ET AL;  
TTT;  
OO - NEW YORK

On December 2, 1994, SAs [redacted] met with  
Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Eastern District of  
New York (EDNY) concerning captioned matter.

[redacted] said that this case, previously assigned to AUSA [redacted]  
[redacted] has now been reassigned to her. She said that she has had  
recent discussions with AUSA [redacted] officials of the Drug Enforcement  
Administration (DEA) and other FBI agents concerning the status of  
existing evidence pertaining to KAPLAN. In addition, [redacted] said she has  
been reviewing documents and other evidentiary material in her  
possession in an effort to decide the most expedient prosecutive course  
to be taken.

[redacted] opined that if she were to initiate a federal prosecution  
against KAPLAN via a "complaint", a marijuana charge investigated by the  
DEA would appear to carry the most severe punitive consequences for  
KAPLAN at this time. [redacted] stated, however, that her preference would be  
to collate all of the fragmented evidence which exists in several  
collateral investigations that pertain to KAPLAN. The latter strategy  
would presumably produce additional criminal charges and would provide  
[redacted] with an enhanced ability to obtain a conviction against Kaplan  
should he decide to stand trial.

SA [redacted] thereafter provided [redacted] with specific details of the  
evidence developed against KAPLAN in this particular investigation. In  
addition, SA [redacted] provided [redacted] with an overview of the current  
intelligence base that exists with respect to KAPLAN. As part of this  
overview, SA [redacted] also identified witnesses who have signed  
cooperation agreements with the EDNY and, pursuant to those agreements,  
have either committed themselves to testify and/or provide continuing  
information relevant to KAPLAN's criminal activities.

[redacted] requested another meeting with SA [redacted] along with an  
appropriate representative of the U.S. Customs Service. The purpose of  
the next meeting would be to discuss the strength of the evidence  
pertaining specifically to the "counterfeit clothing" violations  
investigated jointly by the FBI and U.S. Customs.

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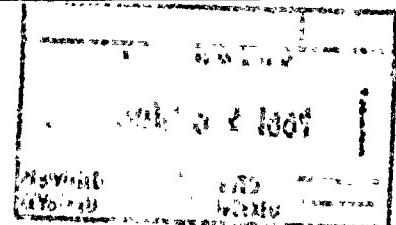
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On August 23, 1994, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] with the following:

Source advised, [redacted] that BURT KAPLAN was to return to the United States in October of 1994. KAPLAN is afraid [redacted] KAPLAN is not worried as much of [redacted] KAPLAN feels [redacted] KAPLAN went away to prison.

Additionally, [redacted] he was photographed at the funeral [redacted] by the FBI and they must be following him to learn the whereabouts of BURT KAPLAN.

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(CW) advised. [redacted]  
[redacted]

Lastly, [redacted] has an infection in his leg and has to go to NEW YORK HOSPITAL to have it taken care of. (S)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription

8/30/93

On August 23, 1993, Cooperating Witness (CW) contacted the Brooklyn-Queens Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to advise the reporting agent of his activities associated with a [redacted]

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b7D(CW) advised [redacted]  
[redacted](CW) advised. the conversation ended and [redacted]  
[redacted](CW) advised the conversation switched to individual named [redacted] BURT (KAPLAN)  
[redacted](CW) advised the conversation, with [redacted] and KAPLAN doing most of the talking, changed to [redacted]  
[redacted]

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(telephonically)

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/30/93

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To : SAC ADIC, NEW YORK [redacted] (P) Date 11/17/93  
 From : SA [redacted] (BQMRA) (C-31)  
 Subject: [redacted]

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<b>PERSONAL DATA</b>		
1 - [redacted] (ADMINISTRATIVE) 1 - [redacted] (INVESTIGATIVE) 1 - CIMS		

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription

10/7/93

On October 4, 1993, Cooperating Witness (CW) telephonically contacted the Brooklyn-Queens office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to advise the reporting agent of daily activities [redacted]

(CW) advised. [redacted]

BURT KAPLAN [redacted]

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(CW) advised. [redacted]

Lastly, (CW) [redacted]

(telephonically)

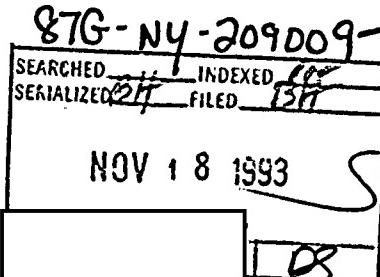
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## Memorandum



To : SAC ADIC, NEW YORK [redacted] (P) Date 11/17/93  
 From : SA [redacted] (BQMRA) (C-31)  
 Subject: [redacted]

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1 - [redacted]	(ADMINISTRATIVE)	G	- 87G-NY-209009
1 - [redacted]	(INVESTIGATIVE)		
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The [redacted] who lives on [redacted] Staten Island has been identified as [redacted] Staten Island, Date of Birth [redacted] who is a friend of BURT KAPLAN and PAUL CASTELLANO (deceased).

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Date of transcription

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On September 24, 1993, Cooperating Witness (CW) advised the reporting agent of [redacted]

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(CW) advised, on September 23, 1993 [redacted]

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KAPLAN'S [redacted]

[redacted] further told (CW)

[redacted] (CW) advised, the conversation took place in [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/1/93